

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Continuation Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-56.

Please add new Claims 57-74 as follows:

57. (New) A compound having a photoremovable protecting group covalently attached to a C-3' or C-5' oxygen atom, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of a natural or synthetic nucleoside or a natural or synthetic nucleoside having an activated phosphorus group.